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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Bekerman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 February 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/23/2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werkhoven (WO 99/59097).**

Regarding claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-12, Werkhoven teaches the displaying of a first display on a web browser in the foreground of a computer(when user opens a Web Page) (Page 4, Lines 1-6, and Figure 1), the initiating of a load triggering event (opening the web page) (Page 4, Lines 1-6, and Figure 1), the opening of a post-session web

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browser in the background of the computer (the background window is a post-session platform) (Page 4, Lines 1-6, and Figure 1), the displaying of a post-session display on the background window (the advertisement) (Page 4, Lines 1-6, and Figure 1), and the maintaining of the background window in the background until the advertisement is fully loaded, thus bringing it to the foreground. Werkhoven does not appear to specify a viewer-driven view triggering event that brings the advertisement window forward and is different from the load triggering event (it could be argued that the completion of the advertisement's loading is not a viewer-driven event). Official notice is taken that "minimize window", "close window", and "alt-tab" are all old and well-known functions programmed into typical user operating systems. Windows 95 is an example of a widely used operating system at that time and predates applicants invention by several years. Windows 95 allowed users to close and minimize windows by any number of methods, arguably the easiest being the "X" and "_" buttons located at the upper right of every window. Windows 95 also allowed for switching between windows by holding the "alt" key, and subsequently depressing "tab". It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for users to close (a viewer driven view triggering event) a window once they were finished with it (even if the closing occurred before the advertisement was finished loading) to save system resources. Upon closing the window, the background window would pop forward.

Regarding claim 3, Werkhoven teaches that there is a predetermined time interval before the post-session window disappears (Claim 3).

Regarding claims 5 and 13, Werkhoven teaches that a certain time period lapses before the window goes away. This is taken to read on the focus timer process. (Page 4, Lines 5-6).

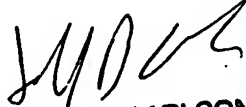
Regarding claim 6, Werkhoven teaches the waiting of a predetermined time interval before being able to open the post-session platform (Claim 4).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Bekerman whose telephone number is (571) 272-3256. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric W. Stamber can be reached on (571) 272-6724. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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